

By: Thompson of Harris

H.B. No. 799

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to vocational training programs provided by the Windham School District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 19.004(c), Education Code, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The district shall:

(1) develop educational programs specifically designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and ensure that those programs, such as GED and ESL, are integrated with an applied vocational context leading to employment;

(1-a) develop vocational training programs specifically designed for persons eligible under Section 19.005 and prioritize the programs that result in certification or licensure, considering the impact that a previous felony conviction has on the ability to secure certification, licensure, and employment;

(1-b) continually assess job markets in this state and update, augment, and expand the vocational training programs developed under Subdivision (1-a) as necessary to provide relevant and marketable skills to students; and

(2) coordinate educational programs and services in the department with those provided by other state agencies, by political subdivisions, and by persons who provide programs and services under contract.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.